

PICUS PRINCIPALIS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum polyedrum, rectum, apice cuneato.

Nares penne setaceis recumbentibus obtectæ.

Lingua teres, lumbriciformis, longissima, mucronata, apice retrorsum aculeata setis.

Pedes scansorii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 173.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PICUS niger, crista coccinea, linea utrinque col-
lari remigibusque secundariis albis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 173.

PICUS niger Carolinensis.

Briss. av. 4. p. 26.

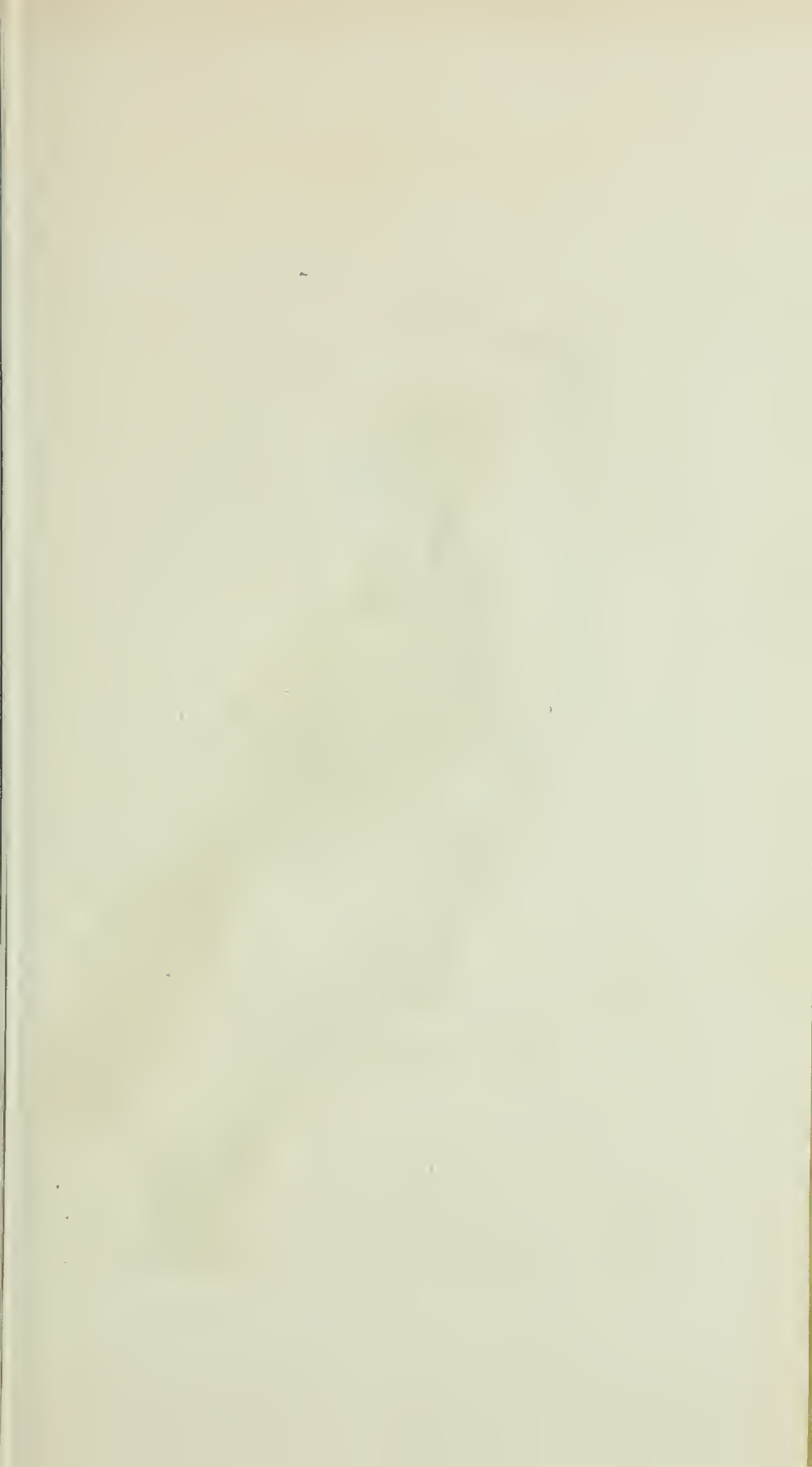
PICUS imbrifoetus.

Raii syn. p. 162.

Inter Picum principalem seu albirostrum et illum qui pileatus dicitur summa videtur esse affinitas. Generantur ambo in iisdem Americæ septentrionalis partibus, et eadem fere sunt indole. Plurimis harum avium rostris orbiculatim dispositis feruntur

B principes

principes Americani corollarum seu diadematum
margines ornare. Superat pileatum magnitudine
Picus principalis. Depingitur in tabula quasi tertia
pars veræ mensuræ.





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THE
WHITE-BILLED WOODPECKER.



Bill polyedral, strait, wedgc-shaped towards the tip.

Nostrils covered by recumbent setaceous feathers.

Tongue worm-shaped, very long, sharp-pointed, and edged towards the tip with reversed bristles.

Feet seansorial.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Black WOODPECKER with scarlet crest and white neck-stripe and secondaries.

WHITE-BILLED WOODPECKER.

Catesb. Carol. 1. pl. 16.

Pic à bec blanc.

Buff. 7. p. 46. Pl. Enl. 690.

The *Picus principalis* or White-billed Woodpecker, extremely nearly allied to the *Picus pileatus*, is a native of the same parts of North America, and is of similar habits. It is said that the Indian chiefs

hold the bill of this bird in high estimation, ornamenting their crowns or diadems with several of the beaks set in a circular manner round the margin. In size it is considerably larger than the pileatus: the figure represents it reduced about two thirds from its natural dimensions.